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SUBJ: UNIVERSITY OF CHILE OFFICIAL PLEADS FOR GREATER SCIENTIFIC
AND TECHNICAL INTERCHANGE WITH U.S.

1. ENRIQUE D'ETIGNY, PRO-RECTOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CHILE,
VISITED AMBASSADOR JULY 8 AND MADE AN EARNEST PLEA FOR
MAINTENANCE AND EXPANSION OF UNIVERSITY EXCHANGE WITH U.S.
INSTITUTIONS, ESPECIALLY IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY.

2. D'ETIGNY HOPED THAT WHILE AMB WAS IN WASHINGTON HE COULD
DETERMINE WHY THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES HAD INFORMED
UNIVERSITY OF CHILE THAT IT WAS POSTPONING FROM SEPT 1975
UNTIL MARCH 1976 THE COOPERATIVE PROGRAM ON RENEWABLE
RESOURCES. PURPPORTED REASON WAS BUDGET STRINGENCY, BUT
D'ETIGNY WONDERED WHETHER ULTERIOR MOTIVES WERE INVOLVED.
SAID UP TO 10 UNIVERSITY OF CHILE PROFESSIONALS WERE ENGAGED
IN PREPARATIONS HERE, AND THAT POSTPONEMENT WAS AN
INCONVENIENCE.

3. AMBASSADOR TOLD D'ETIGNY HE WOULD TRY TO GET FURTHER
INFORMATION, AND TO HAVE IT RELAYED TO D'ETIGNY THROUGH
ACTING PAO. WOULD APPRECIATE CABLE RESPONSE TO ACTING
PAO.

4. D'ETIGNY WOULD ALSO LIKE US TO LOOK INTO LEVEL OF
INTEREST AND POSSIBILTIES OF CONDUCTING A PROGRAM ON
TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY. AMBASSADOR SAID THAT IN LIGHT
OF DIFFICULTIES EXPERIENCED IN INTER-AMERICAN NEGOTIATIONS
ON THIS SUBJECT, HE WAS NOT SURE HOW MUCH COULD BE DONE AT
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MOMENT, BUT WOULD MENTION MATTER TO DEPARTMENT. PLEASE

INFORM ACTING PAO IF ANYTHING FURTHER TO BE SAID.

5. D'ETIGNY IS ALSO INTERESTED IN SEEKING OUT NEW
COOPERATIVE PROGRAMS WITH UNIVERSITIES IN U.S. ACTING PAO
SUGGESTED UNIVERSITY OF CHILE APPROACH U.. INSTITUTIONS
DIRECTLY IN THIS REGARD AND SAID FULBRIGHT COMMISSION IN
CHILE WOULD BE PLEASED TO ASSIST IF SPECIFIC PROGRAM
PROPOSALS WERE SUBMITTED TO IT.
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